

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A paperboard carton for articles arranged in an end-on-end relationship, the carton comprising:

six sides, the six sides including a first side disposed between a second side and a third side, the first side being perpendicular a fourth side, the second side, and the third side, the second side and the third side being parallel,

a two-piece dispenser that includes a first portion and a second portion; the first portion defined at least partially along its perimeter by a first tear line; the first portion extending at least partially into the first side, the second side, and the third side; the first portion being removable from the carton along the first tear line to create a first opening for article removal, the second portion being adjacent the first portion and being defined at least partially along its perimeter by the first tear line, a first provision, and a second provision; the first provision having a first end proximate the first portion and a second end distal the first portion, the second end of the first provision being intersected by a first intersection line that prevents the first provision from extending beyond its intended length; the second provision having a first end proximate the first portion and a second end distal the first portion, the second end of the second provision being intersected by a second intersection line that prevents the second provision from extending beyond its intended length; the second portion being separable along the first provision and the second provision to create a second opening in the carton;

wherein the second opening and the first opening together define an enlarged opening, the enlarged opening enabling easier article removal from the carton than the first opening alone.

2. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 wherein a divider pad is secured to the inside of the carton.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 2 wherein the divider pad has a fold down gluing panel.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 wherein the first provision and the second provision are parallel.

7. - 8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 wherein the six sides are arranged substantially rectangular.

10. - 59. (Canceled)

60. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 wherein the first tear line defines a perimeter section of the second portion in the first side.

61. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 64 wherein the first tear line defines a perimeter section of the second portion in the first side.

62. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1, wherein the first and second provisions are cuts.

63. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1, wherein the first and second intersection lines are cuts.

64. (Previously Presented) A package comprising:
a plurality of articles;
a paperboard carton for enclosing the plurality of articles in rows, the carton comprising:
six sides, the six sides including a first side disposed between a second side and a third side, the first side being perpendicular a fourth side, the second side, and the third side, the second side and the third side being parallel,
a two-piece dispenser that includes a first portion and a second portion; the first portion defined at least partially along its perimeter by a first tear line; the first portion extending at least partially into the first side, the second side, and the third side; the first portion being

removable from the carton along the first tear line to create a first opening for article removal, the second portion being adjacent the first portion and being defined at least partially along its perimeter by the first tear line, a first provision, and a second provision; the first provision having a first end proximate the first portion and a second end distal the first portion, the second end of the first provision being intersected by a first intersection line that prevents the first provision from extending beyond its intended length; the second provision having a first end proximate the first portion and a second end distal the first portion, the second end of the second provision being intersected by a second intersection line that prevents the second provision from extending beyond its intended length; the second portion being separable along the first provision and the second provision to create a second opening in the carton; wherein the second opening and the first opening together define an enlarged opening, the enlarged opening enabling easier article removal from the carton than the first opening.

65. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 63, wherein the first and second provisions are cuts.

66. (Previously Presented) The package of claim 63, wherein the first and second intersection lines are cuts.

67. (Previously Presented) A blank comprising:

a first panel connected along a first fold line to a second panel;

the second panel connected along a second fold line to a third panel;

the third panel connected along a third fold line to a fourth panel;

at least a first end flap connected to either the first panel, the second panel, the third panel, or the fourth panel along a fourth fold line;

at least a second end flap connected to either the first panel, the second panel, the third panel, or the fourth panel along a fifth fold line; the fourth and the fifth fold lines being parallel, and the fourth and the fifth fold lines being perpendicular to the first fold line;

a first tear line in the third panel, the first tear line intersecting the second fold line at a first intersection point and intersecting the third fold line at a second intersection point; a second tear line in the third panel, the second tear line intersecting the second fold line at a third intersection point and intersecting the third fold line at a fourth intersection point; the first tear line and the second tear line being spaced apart a predetermined distance;

a third tear line in the second panel extending approximately from the first intersection point to the third intersection point;

a fourth tear line in the fourth panel extending approximately from the second intersection point to the fourth intersection point;

a first cut extending along the second fold line from the first intersection point to a first transverse cut; and,

a second cut extending along the third fold line from the second intersection point to a second transverse cut.

68. (Previously Presented) The blank of claim 67 wherein the first transverse cut and the second transverse cut are spaced a second predetermined distance from the fifth fold line.

69. (Previously Presented) The blank of claim 67 wherein the first transverse cut and the second transverse cut are parallel to the fifth fold line.

70. (New) The carton of claim 1 wherein the second portion is hingeable at the first intersection line and the second intersection line.

71. (New) The package of claim 64 wherein the second portion is hingeable at the first intersection line and the second intersection line.

72. (New) The carton of claim 1 wherein the first side and the fourth side intersect at a fold line and wherein the first intersection line and the second intersection line are spaced from the fold line.

73. (New) The package of claim 64 the first side and the fourth side intersect at a fold line and wherein the first intersection line and the second intersection line are spaced from the fold line.

74. (New) The blank of claim 67 wherein the first transverse cut and the second transverse cut are spaced from the fourth fold line and the fifth fold line.

75. (New) The carton of claim 1 wherein the first portion is removable from the second portion.

76. (New) The package of claim 64 wherein the first portion is removable from the second portion.

77. (New) The blank of claim 67 wherein a removable portion is defined by the first tear line, the second tear line, the third tear line, and the fourth tear line, and wherein the removable portion is detachable along the first tear line, the second tear line, the third tear line, and the fourth tear line.